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FOR FURTHER ACTION

See paragraph 2 below

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:



Box No. I

Basis of the opinion



Box No. II

Priority



Box No. III

Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability



Box No. IV

Lack of unity of invention



Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement



Box No. VI

Certain documents cited



Box No. VII

Certain defects in the international application



Box No. VIII

Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
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_____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-25	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-25	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-25	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Document 1: US 6100367 A (Dow Corning Toray Silicone Co., Ltd.), 8 August 2000

Claims 1-7, 10, 14-20, 24, and 25

The inventions described in claims 1-7, 10, 14-20, 24, and 25 appear to involve an inventive step over document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 does not describe polyester or polycarbonate having in a main chain a specific unit with a reactive silicon-containing group. However, because of this feature, the invention of the present invention has many reactive silicon-containing groups contained in each molecule, and also has the advantageous effect of providing an organic/inorganic hybrid with a high density of cross-linking in which covalently bonded microscopic metal oxides are mutually micro-dispersed.

Claims 8, 9, and 21-23

The inventions described in claims 8, 9, and 21-23 appear to involve an inventive step over document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 does not describe inserting an oxirane compound having a reactive silicon-containing group in the ester bond of polyester or polycarbonate to cause a reaction. However, because of this feature, the invention of the present invention has the advantageous effect where polyester and polycarbonate can be manufactured having many reactive silicon-containing groups contained in each molecule and providing an organic/inorganic hybrid with a high density of cross-linking in which covalently bonded microscopic metal oxides are mutually micro-dispersed.

Claims 11 and 12

The inventions described in claims 11 and 12 appear to involve an inventive step over document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 does not describe manufacturing an organic/inorganic hybrid polymeric material by hydrolyzing and polycondensing polyester or polycarbonate having in a main chain a specific unit with a reactive silicon-containing group. However, because of this feature, the invention of the present invention has the advantageous effect where an organic/inorganic hybrid polymeric material can be manufactured with a high density of cross-linking in which covalently bonded microscopic metal oxides are mutually micro-dispersed.

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Claim 13

The invention of claim 13 appears to involve an inventive step over document 1 cited in the ISR.

Document 1 does not describe an organic/inorganic hybrid polymeric material manufactured by hydrolyzing and polycondensing polyester or polycarbonate having in a main chain a specific unit with a reactive silicon-containing group. However, because of this feature, the invention of the present invention has the advantageous effect of having a high degree of cross-linking in which covalently bonded microscopic metal oxides are mutually micro-dispersed.